THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) No such proposals have been received. However, the work of provision of additional facilities at Kurla Passenger Terminus to facilitate running of extra trains from Kurla, is an approved work. Detailed planning and development of Master Plan in consultation with Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), is presently in progress.

Modernisation of Railway Stations in Andhra Pradesh

2109. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise some railway stations in Andhra Pradesh in the near future; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) Modernisation of railway stations is a continuous process and the same is undertaken whenever so warranted due to growth in passenger traffic and changes in traffic pattern, subject to availability of funds.

Details of various works already taken up in the State of Andhra Pradesh are as under:

	Particulars of works	Anticipated cost in lakh Rs.
1.	Secunderabad, Hyderabad & Kazipet Provision washable aprons.	120.00
2.	Hyderabad—Remodelling of station building	253.72
3.	Vijayawada & Secunderabad provision of escalators.	160.00
4.	Vizianagram-new concourse, booking office, and improvement to circulating area.	130.34
5.	Vizianagram-provision of washable aprons	79.76
6.	Vijayawada—Washable aprons on Line No. 4	30.41
7.	Ananthapur—Raising of platform.	20.57
8.	Cuddapah—Extension of platform shed	17.25
9.	Renigunta—Extension of platform shed & remodelling of booking office.	27.00
10.	Tirupati—Washable apron on line No. 5	43.81

Revival of Moirabari-Haibargaon and Silghat-Chaparmukh M.G. line in Assam

2110. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for revival of Moirabari-Haibargaon and Silghat-Chaparmukh Meter Gauge line in Assam was considered by Government during the year 1997;

(b) whether gauge conversions of these lines were also included in the said proposals;

(c) if so, the details of the project and financial allocations made and progress made so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) After examination of the proposal it was decided by the Govt, to restore the MG line on the section for operation of rail buses.

Proposal for new railway lines/routes in Punjab

2111. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to conduct survery for constructing new railway lines, conversion of meter gauge to broad gauge and introducing new rail routes in the State of Punjab in near future; and